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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO CPA APPLICATION

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Dear Sirs:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a request for a CPA application. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant wishes to better harmonize the claims with the specification in order to eliminate any ambiguity with respect to the term "predetermined". The clarifying corrections are made through the entry of the following amendments:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows (a replacement abstract is attached):

A traffic law enforcement system having two or more enforcement units and at least one central computer connected via network devices. The enforcement units are spaced apart a given distance and each has a license plate reader. The central computer receives inputs from at least two not necessarily adjacent enforcement units, including identifying indicia, such as license plate numbers of passing vehicles. The enforcement units and the central computer cooperate to calculate an average velocity of a vehicle which passes between two not necessarily adjacent enforcement units by using the inputs of a) minimum-travel-time-drivable distance between enforcement units which transmitted

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